

I am strongly opposed to the Washington ADIZ. As a pilot who regularly flies in and out of the fringe of this airspace, I feel my personal freedoms have been trampled on by the FAA and Transportation department. The amount of time and gasoline I have wasted waiting for clearances to enter and exit the ADIZ is enormous. And I fly no where near D.C. I can no longer just takeoff and fly as I used to be able to, and yet I pose absolutely no threat to the nation's capital. The 9/11 attacks were carried out by commercial airliners, not general aviation aircraft. What makes Congress and the FAA think that a small general aviation airplane poses that great a threat? A Ryder truck filled with explosives poses a MUCH greater threat than a small airplane, yet is Congress proposing to ban trucks from inside the beltway? It makes no sense. You are punishing pilots for no apparent reason. The sad part is that Osama Bin Laden has accomplished exactly what he intended. He has turned us into a scared, nervous nation that is afraid of anything that moves. He wanted to take away our freedom and that is exactly what this ADIZ does. The ADIZ needs to be abolished. The 15 mile FRZ around Washington is more than sufficient to ensure security. Making the ADIZ permanent will do nothing to improve security around the nation's capital. It will only take away the personal freedom of American citizens, and further stress an already over-loaded air traffic control system.